# A Way to the Transcription of Old Byzantine Chant by means of Written and Oral Tradition

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#### A.

In the Greek Orthodox Church there has been an uninterrupted tradition of chant, each composer following, usually, in the footsteps of his predecessors. Correspondingly, there is a continuity between the various appearances of a hymn, or classes of hymns, through a very long period up to the time of Petros Lampadarios, who gave the music a form which through the transcriptions by the Three Teachers is still in use today.

Starting from these transcriptions (that constitute a written tradition but at the same time are based on an oral tradition that indicates the specific function of the various musical signs), one can trace a way to the transcription of Old Byzantine Chant, especially that of the Heirmologion and the Sticherarion, having in mind the continuity of the chant tradition.

In this paper will be dealt only with the subject of transcription in relation to the melodic movements, without examining the subject of scales and intervals. It is presupposed that there is a close relation or identity of the modern echoi with the old ones, despite the differences caused by the evolution of the melopoila.

The starting point for my way of transcribing the Old Sticherarion and Heirmologion is the close relation between the Heirmologion of Petros Lampadarios (18th cent.) and that of Balasios (17th cent.), especially in the Heirmoi of Holy Week. This period of the ecclesiastical year seems to be very conservative in the earlier as well as in later times. Thus, many melodies are preserved in the same, or almost the same form, despite the fact

that the style of the melopoiia may have changed for the hymns of the rest of the year. We can conclude from the heirmoi of the Holy Week that Petros and Balasios followed a common tradition, based on the same or closely related formulas.

Table A shows some *heirmoi* of the Holy Week from the Heirmologia of Balasios and Petros that verify this close relation (or identity).

Se table A

In Table B there is given an example of a formula in the Second Mode from the Heirmologion of Petros. This formula is contained in the Heirmoi of Table A too. There are two forms of this formula: one 'stenographic', given by Balasios, but also found in the version by Petros, and one analytic' given only by Petros. But in Table B we can see that for the heirmos and the troparia of the same ode Petros uses both the 'stenographic' and the 'analytic' form. From the similarity of the music of the heirmos and the corresponding troparia of an ode, we can conclude that the 'analytic' form in fact is an analysis of the 'stenographic' one and that they produce the same music, a music through exegesis given by the Three Teachers. Se table B

But this and other related formulas have counterparts in the Old Sticherarion and Heirmologion, as one can see in Table C. The earlier and later forms (note especially that of Balasios) have at least the same interval ('phonetical') signs. Therefore, they are likely to produce the same music.

Se table C

Table D presents some further examples of the close relations between the

Hirmoi of the Holy Week from Hirmologian of Balasias. Ms of the National Library of Athens [EBE] 946 7500 ω την α βα τον πυ μαι νο μενην θαχασσαν θει ニーラッ・ラッ・ラッショー w w Tou Trpo Tu ypa Ti a va the ga vav Ti i i i MULTE JOU OU OF OU THE TOV 1 or par H IN THY la cv na fo o'H VH rav II no bi m a con ニョンラーショーニー MEN EN DO JOS VAÇUE DO Ja 6704:+ ω Δο Γμα Τι ι Τω Τυ ραν νι κω οι ο שו או דף אני חמוסאל ווא א א או של פי דא אני עוו VID EXH TES TES TES O C U C CV W HO O O NO Tour fu Mortes e e eu 20 yet Te e Ta epta xu -2/0200-3= EL CO TOV MU U EI CVIT Tov a XW PH TOV DE OV EV l'a eTp1 No Et aa aa Ma Xa Ea a a a a a an a μο ο ο εμω κυ Η σα σα σε ε ε υ μνευμεν

πα να κίι α παρ θε ε νε:+ Η μα τυ ρα αν νου ε πει υ πε いいろっことでにしていることのあっ ξι ι έχυ σεν ε πτα πλα σι ως να μινος ε ξε こうこう こうこう 1000 \$# 10 TE EV # # # # # TrandE € ES OUR E PREXAN GAV GA A OI RE WS TRATH いいというからいからいいとう oa a artes Doyna axx e 600000 av mav ラッツックラーニューニョーニョ TO TO EP YOU NO BE ON TOV NEW BE O O ON N HIVETE ションニーディッシーニションには 201 U TTE QU FOUTE EIS TROVTAS TOUS ON W W Vast. The same Hirmoi from Hirmologion of Petros Lampadarios. nixos = Th W THY a fa Tov no per vo per vor ga las sav ger シーラン・・・・シューニューニー w au Tou Troo 6ta yma Ti a va 3H ga vav Ti i L L L MOU TIE PEU O'OU D'i OU THS TOV L EPOL ーニュナスーティファーニュアルー # 21 1 1 THY 20 OV NO BO SHYHOUVTI NU BI ω α σω μεν ενδο ζως Γαρδε δο ζα 6 ται:+

ω 20 γμα τι τω τυ gav vi uw oi o 61 OI TOERS TROUBES JEH H H THEN OFEN TES EN TH 29 M VW BAH DEVTE ES DE O O O O O OV ω μο ο ο λογου ουν τα α λλο ον τες = ε E EU DO VEI TE TO E E EP VO RUBILLON > シーニーシー TOV NU U U BI OV:+ H H TOV a XW GH TOV DE OV EV Ya etel XW en ca ca non xa ea a av Tw νο ο ο σμω κυ υ + + σα α σα ¨ σε ε ε シー・シー・デー・シー・デー・ υ μινουμεν πα να γι ι ι α πα αρ θε ε νε:+ H Ha TU ga av vou & TTEI U TTE QI L EXU GEV らードースラージョンドーコーニュ € TITA TIZA OTIOS NA PUI VOC € SE NOW OH TO TEE EV # # # # # Tray de e es 821 & \$76 & XJH H var ba a a 61 DE WS TRA TH va a avtes do y ha

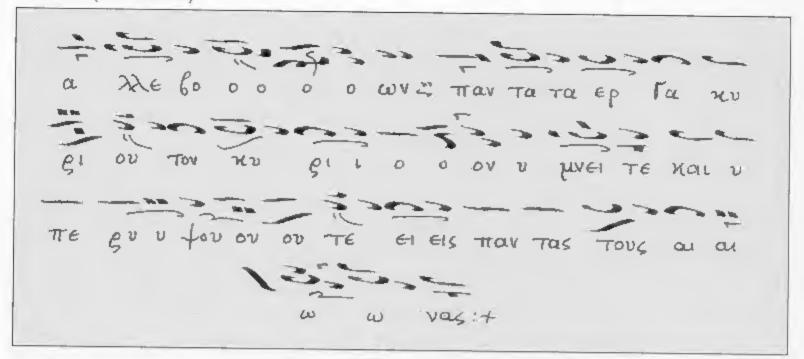
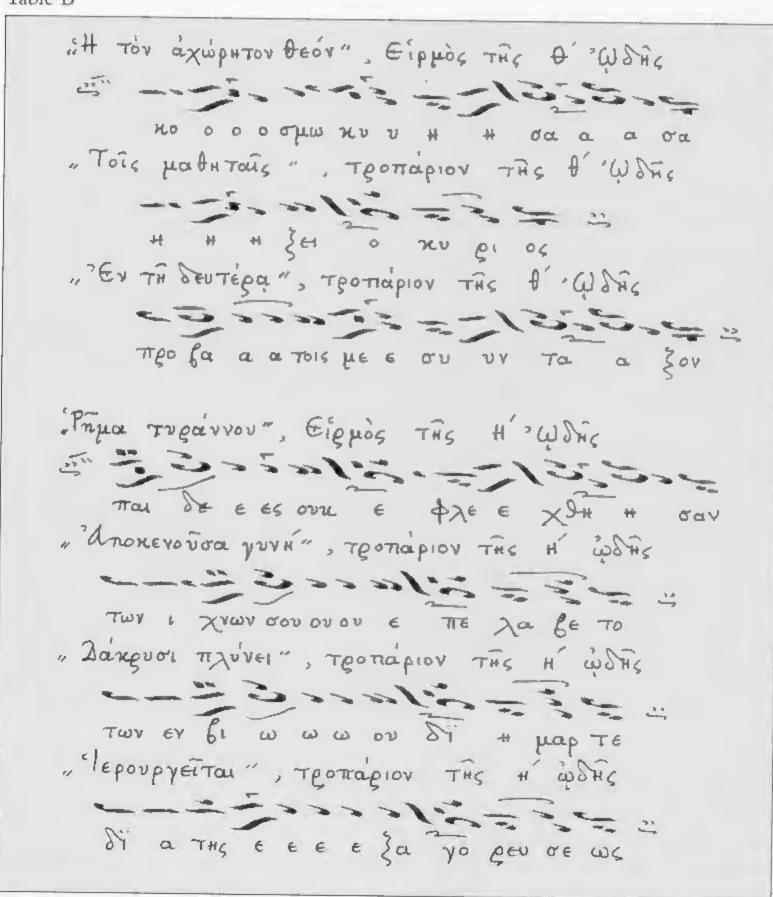
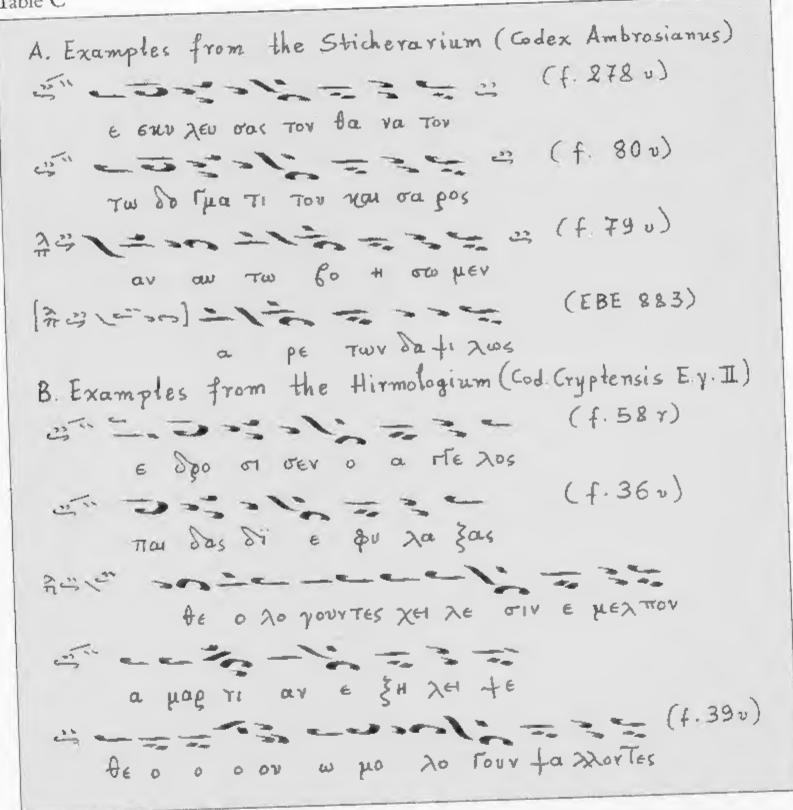


Table B





Heirmologia of Petros and Balasios on the one hand and the and the old ones on the other. Se table D

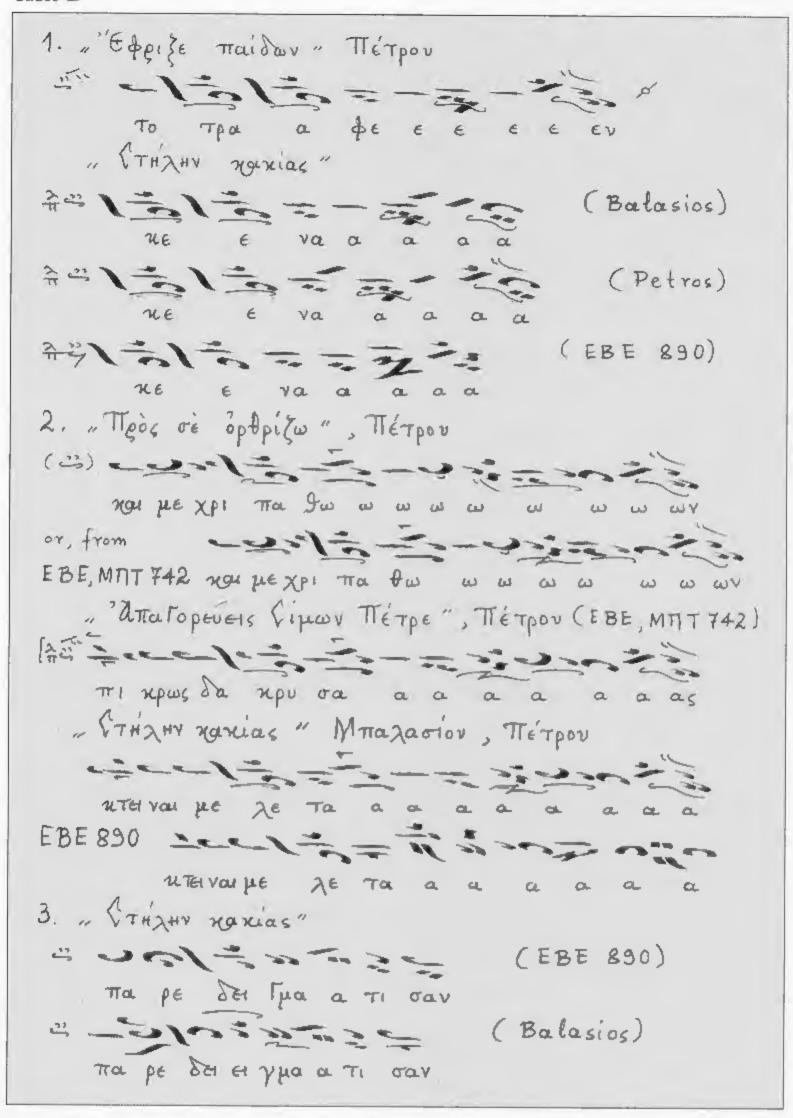
But also the Sticherarion of Petros contains formulas which can be found in the Heirmologion of Balasios and in the Old Sticherarion and Heirmologion, as can be seen in Table E.

Se table E

From the preceding material we can confirm, I think, the importance of the Heirmologion of Balasios as a guide to the transcription of Byzantine Chant. Another example will be useful. Balasios' Heirmologion has not been transcribed by the Three Teachers, but there is an

exegesis of it in a manuscript of the Monastery of Koutloumousi on Mount Athos (No. 440), written in a stage of notation previous to that of the Three Teachers. Gr. Stathis gives two photographs from this MS in his catalogue of the manuscripts of Mount Athos1. We see here the sticheron Oσιε Πάτερ in a form of exegesis. From the MS of the National Library of Athens No. 946 I transcribe the same sticheron in two forms, 'heirmologikon' and 'sticherarikon'2 (see Table F). Se table F

Table G shows some examples of formulas from these stichera, including the exegesis of Koutloumousiou 440 and an exegesis by me in modern Byzantine nota-



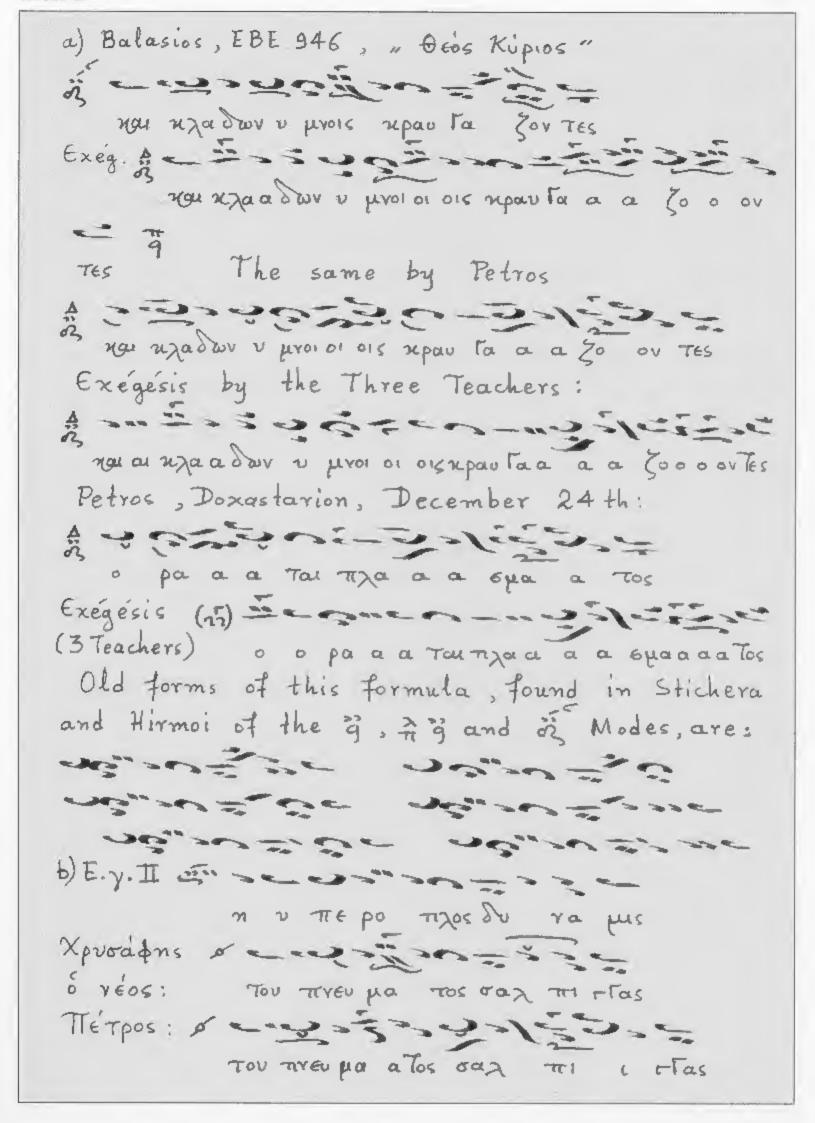
tion (i.e. an 'exegesis of the exegesis' in Koutloumousiou 440 and other corresponding exegeseis), as well as a few additional comments.

Se table G

It is necessary to take into account not only the theseis cited above, but also the whole tradition written in the short melismatic style, i.e. the short Doxologies, the short Polyeleoi etc. Only on this basis can we, with the help of the theoretical treatises, accomplish a transcription of the Old Sticherarion and Heirmologion in short melismatic style. According to my opinion, this style permits the neumatic

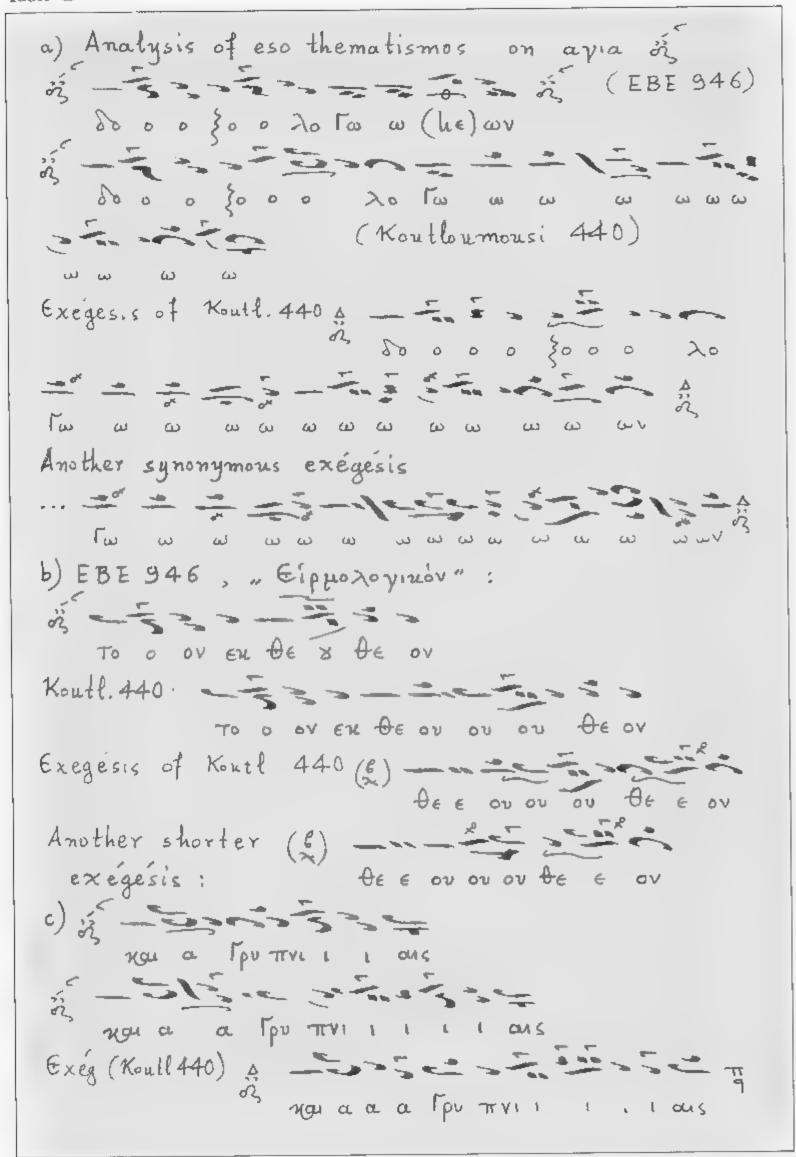
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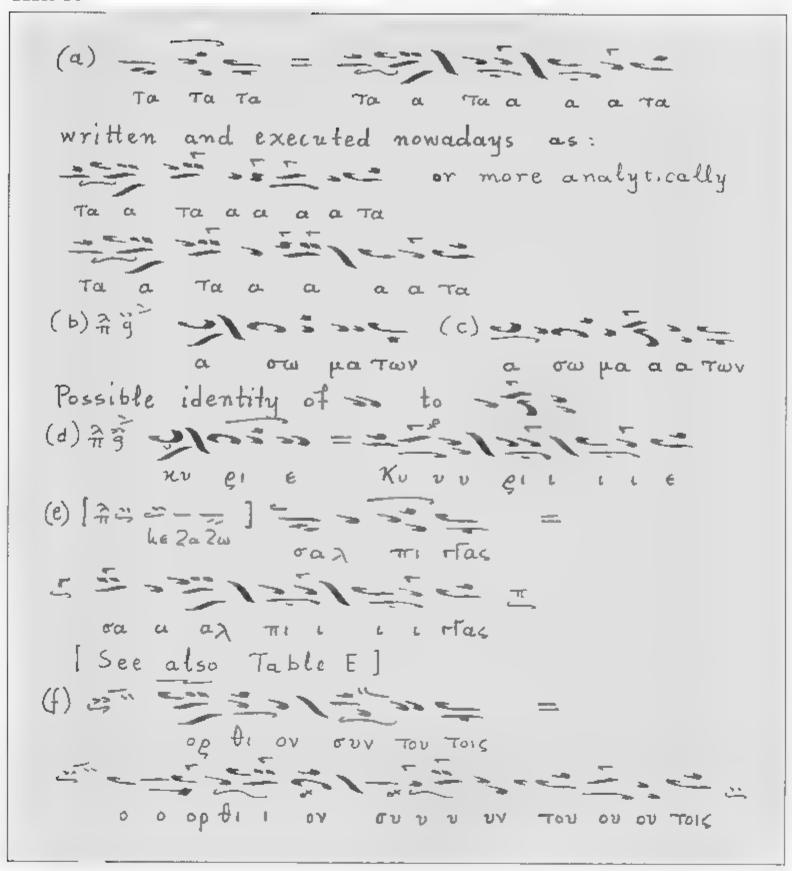
d) " (TIXHPapinov" Del E Ta Tep O oil E Tia a a a Tep Petros Lampadarios, Doxastarion, September 1st 前等 李 美 西 一 李 元 西 0 01 6 Ta a a TEP Exegesis of this "Thesis" by the Three Teachers: 可一一一一一 O oil E E Tra a TEP DW PH THYOU TH EX 22H OI OL Petros Lampadarios, December 24th TWY TE VE SAI I I WY TO a as el 50 0 0 DOUS Exegeseis of the above formulas: TO PH DH H YOU TH E E EN NOH H OI I La TWY FE VE AZI I I WY TOLO OS EI EI GOO (The latter by the Three Teachers) These formulas can be found in the old Sticherarium and Hirmologium, too.

characters to be performed in their full melismatic interpretation.

As an example, and as a result of the theseis and their exegeseis from the Heirmologion or the Sticherarion of Petros Lampadarios and from the Heirmologion of Balasios contained in Tables B-E, we can say that the (later) presence of anti-kenoma in theseis like (a) of Table H gives us the well-known endings of the new Sticheraric and the 'new' long Heirmologic style and, according to the examples

above, of the Old Stucheraric and Heirmologic style as well

In addition, we can from the study of the sticheron 'OGIE Πάτερ (Tables F-G) verify the close relation (or identity) of theseis like those of Table H (b) and (c), and, finally, we can show the possible identity of the syndesmoi (double apostrophos) in the analysis of the tromikon. This could be taken as an indication for us to transcribe similar theseis in the same way (see Table H, theseis (d)-(f))



#### В.

In many cases this way of exegesis can be justified sign by sign according to the rhythmical value and the cheironomic function of each sign in the theoretical treatises. However, the concept of synage ma ('grouping', is of cracial importance as it sometimes diminishes the time value of the signs (see Table I).

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The 'long exegesis' do in many cases result from the short one by duplicating, quadrupling etc. the time values of the short melodic movements and, eventually, by elaborating and enriching the parts of the composition. Through that procedure,

the long exegesis sometimes appears very different from the short one.

The structural relation between the short and the long exegests may by the inverse procedure give us some indication which, with the help of the theoretical treatises, can lead from the 'long exegesis' backwards to the 'short' one, a procedure especially useful regarding the 'short exegesis' of the Old Papadike (see Table J)

#### D.

Finally, there is a possibility of a syllabic or 'mixed' exegesis for a group of old chants, for example the short prokeimena, the 'Triadika' of Lent a o (see Table K)

Notes:

i) The numbers indicate the units of duration according to the present musical theory. Each interval neume of the old notation without a subsidiary rhythmical sign has the duration of two time units.

ii) The formulas in brackets are the later forms with red subsidiary signs.

iii) After the = follows a transcription into modern Byzantine notation.

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τῶν ἱερῶν Μονῶν καὶ Σκητῶν τοῦ
'Αγίου "Όρους, Vol. III, Athens.

### Notes

NOTE 1 Stathis 1993 300-301. This volume was published just a week before the Symposium.

#### NOTE 2

These names are attributed by me. The rubric of Koutloumousiou 440 signifying '-sticherarikon' reads: "Τό παρόν ὑπάρχει ἀργότερον μεμιγμένον μὲ στι-χηρόν".